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FOREWORD

In Arizona, qualified agriculturally used land is identified, classified, valued and assessed for property tax purposes in accordance with specified procedures. The Department's Property Tax Division has produced this Agricultural Property Manual to provide all assessment personnel and other interested entities with current information and the general procedures to be used for identifying, classifying and valuing agriculturally used land. A.R.S. Title 42 (Taxation), Chapter 12 (Property Classification), Article 4 (Agricultural Property Classification) and A.R.S. Title 42, Chapter 13 (Valuation of Locally Assessed Property), Article 3 (Valuation of Agricultural Property) will be referenced in the discussions throughout this manual.

Several major changes regarding the appraisal and assessment of agriculturally used property were adopted by the Legislature in 1989. Those changes established the current statutory criteria and the procedures for the identification, classification, and valuation of qualified agriculturally used land. All relevant legislation that has been adopted in the legislative sessions since 1989, up to the effective publishing date of this revision, is included in this manual.

This Agricultural Property Manual is effective as of January 1, 2004 for use in the 2005 and subsequent tax years. It supercedes all previous agricultural manuals and agricultural land classification and valuation directives or guidelines which have been issued by the Department of Revenue that may conflict with this manual. It will remain in effect until it is revised, reissued, or is replaced by another publication.

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